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Nucor, Lexington Medical Center receive first B-RAP industry recycling awards

COLUMBIA, SC – Nucor and Lexington Medical Center (LMC) were recognized for their exemplary waste reduction and recycling efforts by the Business Recycling Assistance Program (B-RAP) at the eighth annual Recycle Guys Award Program.

Nucor, the largest steel producer in the United States, received Best Industry Recycling Program Award honors for the manufacturing sector and was cited for its efforts to reduce waste at its Darlington mill. As a recycling business, Nucor's Darlington Mill recycles more than 2.8 million tons of scrap metal each year. In addition, Nucor's efforts to market its millscale by-products to a local cement company for use as an aggregate in concrete production resulted in keeping more than 14,000 tons of this material from being disposed of in a landfill.

Nucor also has been instrumental in helping promote recycling within the Darlington community. The plant developed a program with the local Special Needs and

Disability Board to manage its recyclable materials, including cardboard, paper and plastics. Program participants separate and bale the materials and earn money from the sale of these materials.

LMC received Best Industry Recycling Program for the service sector for its efforts to recycle and reduce waste at its 300-bed main campus as well as at 29-affiliated physician practices and seven community medical centers. LMC's efforts have paid off – resulting in a savings on waste disposal fees of \$9,000 a year and nearly \$5,000 in revenue generated for its employees' emergency fund. (For more a detailed look at LMC's recycling program, see B-RAP News Winter 2003 edition.)

The Recycle Guys Awards Program is sponsored by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling. Visit www.scdhec.net/recycle for more information about the awards program.



Left: DHEC Commissioner C. Earl Hunter presents Matt Kanes of Nucor Steel with the Best Industry Recycling Program Award in the manufacturing sector. Nucor received the award during the 2002 Recycle Guys Awards Program.

Right: Dale Thompson with Lexington Medical Center accepts the Best Industry Recycling Program Award in the service sector from Commissioner Hunter.





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